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Serial No. 10/719,582
Reply to Office Action of May 21, 2004

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Applicant: Michael Wixom et al.

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Examiner: Laura S. Weiner

For: MEMBRANE FOR FUEL CELL, AND FUEL CELL INCORPORATING
THAT MEMBRANE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following reply in response to the restriction requirement mailed May 21, 2004, the deadline for response thereto being June 21, 2004.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed May 21, 2004, the Examiner set forth a restriction requirement, and required Applicant to elect between claims of Group I, namely claims 1-24, and Group II, claims 25-31, for prosecution on the merits.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II, namely claims 25-31, for further prosecution. By this response, Applicant also cancels claims 1-24. Claims 1-24 are canceled without prejudice, and Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter thereof.

This election is made without traverse.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

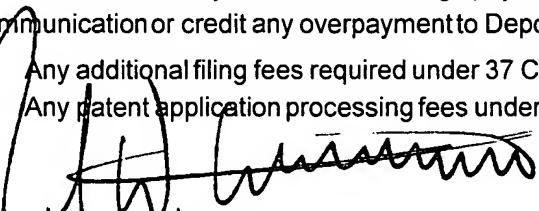
Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
 A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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